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SUBJECT:VISIT OF GEORGE LINDAMOOD

1. MR. GEORGE E. LINDAMOOD, SENIOR COMPUTER SCIENTIST, NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS, WILL BE ATTENDING 4TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON COMPUTER COMMUNICATION IN KYOTO, SEPT 26 THROUGH 29, 1978.
2. LINDAMOOD PLANS STOPOVER IN TOKYO BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER CONFERENCE TO ASSESS STATUS AND TRENDS IN JAPANESE COMPUTER INDUSTRY AS HE DID IN 1976. PLANNED ARRIVAL: 1555 SATURDAY, SEPT 16 ON PANAM 1. PLANNED DEPARTURE: 1515 SATURDAY, OCT 7 ON PANAM 12.
3. ASSISTANCE OF SCICOUNS REQUESTED IN MAKING APPOINTMENTS FOR LINDAMOOD DURING WEEK OF SEPT 17 AND WEEK OF OCTOBER 1. GENERAL QUESTIONS PERTAIN TO FORECASTING AND ASSESSING COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY IN GENERAL AS GUIDANCE FOR NBS PROGRAM IN COMPUTER STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT AND ASSISTANCE TO FEDERAL AGENCIES IN USE OF COMPUTERS. MORE SPECIFICALLY,
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HOW IS JAPANESE COMPUTER INDUSTRY DOING AT PRESENT? HOW SUCCESSFULLY HAVE PAST STATED GOALS BEEN MET? WHAT NEW GOALS ARE BEING SET? INTEREST INCLUDES HARDWARE, SOFTWARE, PERIPHERALS, MINICOMPUTERS, COMPONENT TECHNOLO-

GIES, SERVICE BUREAUS. IF POSSIBLE, APPOINTMENTS SHOULD INCLUDE COURTESY CALL WITH OFFICIALS OF ELECTRONICS

POLICY DIVISION AND ELECTROTECHNICAL LABORATORY, BOTH OF MITI; VISITS TO IBM JAPAN, NIPPON UNIVAC, BURROUGHS JAPAN, DEC JAPAN; VISITS TO FUJITSU, HITACHI, NEC, NTT--PREFERABLY MUSASHINO ECL --, JCUDI, INFORMATION-TECHNOLOGY PROMOTION AGENCY (IF IT STILL EXISTS), NIPPON MINICOMPUTER, JIPDEC, MITSUBISHI, TOSHIBA, AND TOKYO UNIVERSITY (IN DECREASING ORDER OF PRIORITY). MEETING AT MITI ELECTRONICS POLICY DIVISION SHOULD BE WITH OFFICIAL HIGH ENOUGH TO DISCUSS POLICY, NOT JUST TECHNICAL, MATTERS. MEETINGS AT MITI ETL AND NTT ECL SHOULD FOCUS ON VLSI PROGRAM, NOT PIPS AND DIPS, RESPECTIVELY, ALTHOUGH A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF FORMER WOULD BE OF SOME INTEREST. IF EMBASSY INTERPRETER CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE, IT WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATED.

4. SPECIFIC PERSONS VISITED BY LINDAMOOD IN 1976 AND WHO MIGHT BE CONTACTED FOR APPOINTMENTS ARE: LUCIANO CASANOVA, EXECUTIVE MANAGING DIRECTOR NIPPON UNIVAC; HIDEZO INABA, PRESIDENT, AND HARUYASU NAKAYAMA, MANAGER, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, JCUDI; SAKAE FURUKAWA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROMOTION AGENCY; YUKIMARO KAWATANI GENERAL MANAGER, OVERSEAS MARKETING, FUJITSU; DR. S. TAKAHASHI, DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER, COMPUTER DIVISIONS, HITACHI; DR. MASASUKE MORITA, EXEC. VICE PRESIDENT, NEC; SHOJIRO KOITABASHI, VICE PRES AND GEN. MANAGER, ELECTRONIC COMPUTER DIVISION, TOSHIBA; HIDEO OHTA, GENERAL MANAGER, COMPUTER DIVISION, MITSUBISHI; TAKASHI SUZUKI, DIRECTOR, UNCLASSIFIED

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ENGINEERING, NIPPON MINICOMPUTER; AND PROFS. EIICHI GOTA AND TOSIYASU KUNII, TOKYO UNIVERSITY.

5. ASSISTANCE ALSO REQUESTED IN MAKING RESERVATIONS AT HOTEL OKURA AT MOST FAVORABLE RATE, NIGHTS OF SEPTEMBER 16 THROUGH 22 (CHECKOUT ON 23RD) AND SEPT. 29 THROUGH OCT. 6 (CHECKOUT ON 7TH). SPECIFY ONE BED, TWO PERSONS.

6. CONFIRMATION REQUESTED. SHOULD POST NEED TO TELEPHONE LINDAMOOD REGARDING ABOVE MATTERS, HIS OFFICE NUMBER IS (301) 921-3517. POST ASSISTANCE GREATLY APPRECIATED. VANCE

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